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We, Peter Friedman, Zhiyong Xia, Patrick Coughlin, Craig Miller, William Faitel, Douglas Schrandt, Phil Wiens, and Jaideep Samant:

1. We are the co-inventors of the claimed subject matter of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/063,757.

2. We have reviewed the presently claimed invention as indicated by enclosed Exhibit A.

3. We declare that we conceived of the presently claimed invention and actually reduced it to practice in the United States before April 9, 2002.

4. We declare that the drawings enclosed as Exhibit B were conceived of

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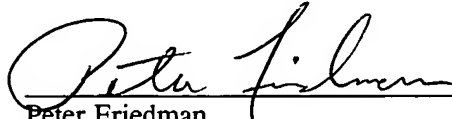
and actually used to manufacture tooling in accordance with the claims and prior to April 9, 2002.

5. The tooling made from the drawings of Exhibit B was actually constructed and that the mere construction of the tooling is all that is necessary to constitute reduction to practice prior to April 9, 2002.

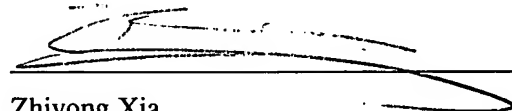
6. As shown in Exhibit B, drawing details B and C demonstrate conception and actual reduction to practice of the "shaped portion" referred to in Claim 1 and the "first and second forming surfaces" referred to in Claim 17.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of title 18 of the United States code.


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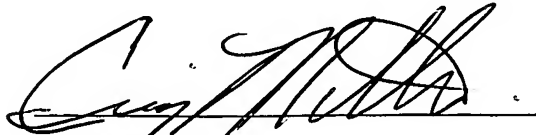
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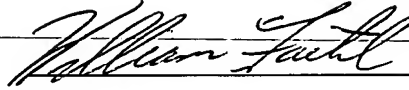

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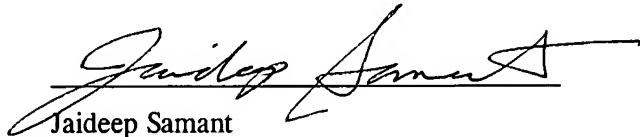
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